Development of Devi Ahilya Bai Museum

†1367. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal to the tune of Rs. 102 lakhs from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for the cost of improvement and development of Devi Ahilya Bai Museum at Maheswar and Khargen;

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard and by when the same would be approved; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) The proposal of Devi Ahilya Bai Museum was received during 2004-05 and was placed before the Expert Committee constituted under the scheme of 'Promotion & Strengthening of Regional & Local Museums' in its meeting held on 25.11.2004. The Expert Committee did not recommend the proposal, as construction of museums is not covered under the scheme.

Destruction of historical and ancient monuments

1368. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether many protected and unprotected historical and ancient monuments have been destroyed and continued to be destroyed due to rapid and unguided urbanization;

(b) if so, the details about such monuments destroyed so far and the reasons for their destruction;

(c) whether it is a fact the weak framework of law is the main reason for destruction of these monuments;

(d) if so, whether Government are considering having a strong legal framework for the purpose; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and by when it would be in place?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) 35 centrally protected monuments/sites are reported to be untraceable all over the country. The major causes for the disappearance of these

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

monuments are rapid urbanization, construction of multistoreyed residential and commercial buildings, and implementation of development projects. A list of these monuments is enclosed as statement (*See* below).

(c) to (e) No, Sir. The monuments/sites are taken care of under the provisions of Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 and Rules 1959. With a view to contain illegal/unauthorized construction, in 1992, Government of India has issued a notification declaring areas upto 100 metres from the protected limits of monuments of national importance as prohibited areas where all construction and mining activities are banned. Another 200 metres beyond this had been declared as regulated area where construction/mining activity is permitted only in accordance with the terms and conditions of a licence issued by the Archaeological Survey of India.

Statement

List of centrally protected Monuments/Sites which are not traceable

Name of Monument/Site

ASSAM

1-Guns of Emperor Sher Shah at Na-sadia, Distt. Tinsukia

ARUNACHAL PRADESH

1-Ruins of Copper Temple near Paya, Distt. Lohit

DELHI

1. The Moti Gate of Sher Shah's Delhi Mauza Babarpur Bazidpur, Distt. New Delhi

2. Pool Chadar, Mauza Chaukri Mubarakabad, Distt. North Delhi

3. Alipur Cemetery, Alipur encamping ground, Distt. North Delhi

4. Bara Khamba Cemetery, Imperial city, Distt. Delhi

5. Tomb of Capt. Mc. Barnett & others who falls in an attack on Kishanganj, Kishanganj, Distt. North Delhi.

6. Tomb with three domes near railway station, Nizamuddin, Distt. South Delhi

7. Site of Siege Battery bearing the inscription:— "Right Attack, Lieutenant F.R. Mansell, R.E., Directing Engineer, No. 1 Battery-Right, Major James Brind, R.A.., Commanding, Armament five 18-pounders: one 18-inch howitzer. To silence Mori Bastion.", East of the hospital in police line, Distt. North Delhi.

8. Site of Siege Battery with following inscription:- "No. II Battery-Right, Major Edward Kaye, R.A., Commanding Armament two 18-pounder; seven 8-inch howitzer, To breack Kashmir bastion.", Compound of Curzon House, Distt. North Delhi.

9. Inchla Wali Gumti, village Mubarakpur Kotla, Distt. South Delhi.

10. Mound know as Joga Bai comprised in part of Survey plot no. 167 as Jamia Nagar, Distt. South Delhi.

11. Shamsi Tallab togetherwith both the platform entrance gates, Mehrauli, Distt. Delhi

12. Nicholson Statue, its platform, its surrounding gardens, paths and enclosure wall, Out side of Kashmiri Gate, Distt. North Delhi

GUJARAT

1. Ancient Site, Sejakpur, Distt. Surendranagar

2. Historic Site. No. 431 to 435, Vododara, Distt. Vadodara

HARYANA

1. Mughal Kos Minar, Mujjesar, Distt. Faridabad, Haryana

2. Mughal Kos Minar, Shahbad, Distt. Kurukshetra, Haryana

JAMMU AND KASHMIR

1. Rock carving of Sitala, Narada, Brahma and Radha Krishna, Basohli, Distt. Kathura

2. Rock Carving of Devi riding a lion, Basohli, Distt. Kathura

3. Visveswara and other cave temple, Basohli, Distt. Kathura

KARNATAKA

1. Pre-historic Site, Kittur, Distt. Mysore.

RAJASTHAN

1. Inscription in Fort, Nagar, Distt. Tonk

2. 12th Cent. Temple, Baran, Distt. Baran

UTTARANCHAL

1. Kutumbari Temple, Dwarahat, Tehsil Ranikhet, Distt. Almora

2. Khera Ki Bandi, Old Cemetery, Tehsil Roorkee, Distt. Haridwar

3. Remains of ancient buildings locally identified with Vairatapattana, Dhikuli, Tehsil Ramnagar, Distt. Nainital

UTTAR PRADESH

1. Closed Cemetery, Katra Naka, Tehsil Banda, Distt. Banda

2. Large ruined site called Sandi Khera, Pali, Tehsil Shahabad, Distt. Hardoi

3. Cemetery, Jalaun (Bus Stand), Tehsil Jalaun, Distt. Jalaun

4. Gunner Burkill's Tomb, Rangaon, Tehsil Mehroni, Distt. Lalitpur

5. Imambara Amin-ud Daula, Lucknow, Tehsil Lucknow, Distt. Lucknow

6. Three Tombs, Lucknow Faizabad Road at miles 3, 4 & 5, Tehsil Lucknow, Distt. Lucknow

7. Cemeteries at miles 6 & 7, Jahraila Road, Tehsil Lucknow, Distt. Lucknow

8. Cemetary at Gaughat, Lucknow, Tehsil Lucknow, Distt. Lucknow.

Excavation in Andhra Pradesh

1369. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological officials have visited any sites to explore the possibility of excavation especially in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years; and